

## Perennial Heart - Sabah Al-Dhafer, Seattle, WA

Medium - Rhyolite (Volcanic granite)

\$8,000.00

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Artists come from many backgrounds and places. Al-Dhafer is the son of a baker and began his art education in Iraq at the age of 15. Many of the sculptures this artist created in his career are of human forms emerging from rough stones, but sometimes a stone inspires him to create a completely different shape. This chunk of volcanic Rhyolite attracted the artist because of its beguiling color and grain. As Al-Dhafer began working on the stone, its heart-shape center was revealed, reminding the artist of risk, courage, and faith.

Do you notice how the artist polished the inner heart-surface while leaving the stone's outside layers in its natural state? This contrast of textural surfaces invites gentle touching. How do the different surfaces feel?

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Do you see  
any other  
sculptures  
that use the  
colour red?  
Are the same  
materials  
used?

